

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chairman Bill Wilson, on March 10, 2009 at 8:30
A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Wilson, Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary
Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 6, 2/26/2009; SJ 10, 2/26/2009;
SJ 16, 2/26/2009

Executive Action: SB 89, SB 135, SB 150, SB 438, SJ 6,
SJ 16

HEARING ON SJ 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:23 Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on
SJ 6, Urge 24-hour operation for Turner port of entry.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:54 Rep. Wendy Warburton, HD 34, Havre
00:04:55 Jay Meyer, General Manager, Sask-Mont Rural
Development

EXHIBIT (buh53a01)

00:09:35 Jay Anderson, Sask-Mont Rural Development
00:12:48 Michael Fitzpatrick, Saskatchewan Economic Development
Agency
00:13:55 Sharon Dickie, Mayor, Shaunavon, Saskatchewan
00:14:46 Elysha Cruthers, Self, Shaunavon, Saskatchewan
00:15:20 Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Montana Motor
Carriers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:59 Dave Puyer, Montana Rural Education Association
EXHIBIT (buh53a02)

Informational Testimony:

00:18:24 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agricultural Sciences
Division, Department of Agriculture

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:07 Rep. Furey
00:20:37 Mr. Anderson
00:21:19 Rep. Berry
00:22:09 Mr. Meyer
00:22:43 Rep. Berry
00:23:12 Mr. Meyer

00:23:19 Rep. Berry
00:23:58 Mr. Meyer
00:24:43 Rep. Arntzen
00:25:44 Sen. Hansen
00:25:58 Rep. Arntzen
00:26:08 Mr. Meyer
00:26:33 Rep. Reinhart
00:26:45 Mr. Meyer
00:27:03 Chairman Wilson
00:27:20 Mr. Meyer
00:27:39 Rep. Reinhart
00:27:57 Mr. Ames
00:28:01 Rep. Reinhart
00:28:12 Mr. Ames
00:28:57 Rep. Reinhart
00:29:05 Mr. Ames

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:57 Sen. Hansen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 6

00:32:32 **Motion:** Rep. Noonan moved that **SJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:32:48 Rep. Berry
00:33:04 Chairman Wilson
00:33:16 Rep. Arntzen
00:33:58 Rep. Reichner
00:34:31 Rep. B. Beck
00:35:06 Rep. Reinhart
00:35:25 Rep. Vance calls the question.

00:35:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen and Rep. Berry voting no. Reps. Augare, Smith voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SJ 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:47 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SJ 10, Study options for state work comp coverage.

EXHIBIT (buh53a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:54 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association
of America
00:43:00 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association
00:43:34 Jason Miller, Co-Vice Chairman, Labor Management
Advisory Council

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:44:36 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
00:44:51 Leah Tietz, Montana University Systems
00:45:16 Kris Wilkinson, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal
Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:41 Rep. B. Beck
00:46:30 Sen. Erickson
00:48:48 Rep. Reinhart
00:49:10 Ms. Butler
00:49:34 Rep. Hunter
00:50:06 Ms. Butler
00:50:29 Rep. Milburn
00:50:48 Ms. Butler
00:50:57 Rep. Milburn
00:51:06 Ms. Butler
00:51:36 Rep. Milburn
00:51:39 Ms. Butler
00:52:05 Rep. Milburn
00:52:10 Ms. Butler
00:52:19 Rep. Reinhart
00:52:45 Sen. Erickson
00:53:29 Chairman Wilson
00:53:36 Ms. Tietz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:21 Sen. Erickson

00:56:39 Chairman Wilson calls a recess.
01:26:14 Chairman Wilson resumes hearing. Rep. Boland does not
return from break.

HEARING ON SJ 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:26 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SJ 16, Study cost of auto insurance and compliance with mandatory requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:46 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association
01:29:33 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Company
01:30:23 Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Montana Motor Carriers Association
01:31:06 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:06 Rep. B. Beck
01:33:29 Sen. Brown
01:34:34 Rep. B. Beck
01:35:03 Sen. Brown
01:35:12 Chairman Wilson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:44 Sen. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 16

01:37:10 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SJ 16 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:37:23 Rep. Berry
01:37:49 Rep. Reichner called the question.

01:37:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Reps. Augare, Boland, and Smith voted by proxy.

01:38:00 Rep. Boland enters.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89

01:39:04 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SB 89 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:39:38 Rep. Milburn

EXHIBIT (buh53a04)

01:42:16 Rep. B. Beck

01:43:10 Rep. Arntzen

01:43:48 Chairman Wilson

01:44:00 Rep. Furey

01:44:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Reps. Augare and Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 135

01:44:48 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SB 135 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:45:25 Rep. Hunter

01:46:47 Rep. Arntzen

01:47:27 Rep. Hunter

01:48:10 Rep. Furey leaves.

01:48:15 Rep. Arntzen

01:48:32 Rep. Klock called the question.

01:48:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Reps. Augare, Furey, and Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 150

01:49:08 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SB 150 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:49:46 Rep. Klock called the question.

01:49:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Reps. Augare, Furey, and Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 438

01:51:47 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved **SB 438 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:52:02 Rep. Reichner
01:52:25 Rep. Reinhart
01:53:03 Mr. Campbell, Legislative Services Division
01:53:36 Rep. Reichner
01:53:58 Chairman Wilson
01:54:04 Rep. Reinhart
01:55:37 Rep. Reichner
01:55:48 Chairman Wilson
01:55:58 Rep. Welborn
01:57:04 Rep. Fleming
01:57:35 Rep. Berry
01:57:48 Rep. Noonan
01:59:19 Chairman Wilson
01:59:24 Rep. Noonan
01:59:42 Chairman Wilson
02:00:01 Rep. Reinhart
02:01:35 Rep. Arntzen
02:02:04 Chairman Wilson
02:02:16 Rep. Boland
02:02:38 Rep. Noonan
02:03:10 Rep. Milburn called the question.

02:03:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Beck, Rep. Berry, Rep. Klock, Rep. Milburn, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Vance, and Rep. Welborn voting no. Reps. Augare, Furey, and Smith voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:04:48 Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

Santella Baglivo, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

EXHIBIT (buh53a05) Unemployment Insurance Information

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (buh53aad.pdf)